

Austerlitz German Shepherds New Client Questionnaire.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our New Client Questionnaire. We appreciate your time and effort.

Please note! These questions are not intended to judge if you are a "good" home or not, our only goal is to learn as much about your situation and needs in a GSD as possible in order to help you find the right puppy for your individual situation and to help our puppies find the most suitable homes.

Completion does not guarantee approval for a puppy and incomplete questionnaires will be discarded.

Section 1: Yourself

Name:

Occupation:

Residence (required!):City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Do you: Own____or Rent____? If you rent please provide proof that large breed dogs are permitted in your lease/rental agreement.



Section 2: Family.

1. Please list all members of your household followed by their age. Please list all permanent residents as well those who might visit on a regular basis.
2. Please state how each member feels about adding a dog? Do any of these household members NOT want to add a dog or have reservations?
3. Are any members of this household afraid of, or allergic to, dogs?
4. Do any members of this household have any special needs, either physical or developmental, that might affect how they relate, handle, or live with a large dog?
5. If you have children, or are planning children, how would you ensure your children and dog had a good relationship? Are you expecting your child(ren) to be your dog's primary caregiver?
6. Are there other pets living in your household? If so please list each one along with species, age, and how you envision them getting along with a GSD.
7. Who is going to be your dog's primary caregiver? Does this person work full time?
8. Please tell us about your lifestyle. Please include average work week, remote or in office, for adults in residence, after school commitments children attend, how you enjoy spending your spare time and how much spare time you actually have.
9. Does your work require travel? Who will care for your dog when you are away?

Section 3:
German Shepherd Dogs.

1. What has drawn you to the German Shepherd breed?
2. What has interested you in our breeding program?
3. What traits are you looking for in a GSD?
4. Are you aware that GSDs have a double coat and shed copiously?
5. How much free time do you have each day to devote to spending time with your dog and how able are you to spend free time with your dog versus other demands on your time?
6. Have you ever owned a GSD before? Did that dog have any health or behavior problems?
7. Do you own a GSD now? If so it is intact? Does it have any behavioral or health problems?

Section 4:
Your Puppy Plan.

1. Do you have a gender preference? If so why? If that gender is not available will you accept a puppy of the opposite sex? No Preference_____ Male only _____ Female only _____
2. Please rank your color preference, if any.
_____ Solid Black
_____ Sable: Red
_____ Sable: Black
_____ Black and Tan: Saddle
_____ Black and Tan: Blanket
_____ Black and Tan: Bi Color
_____ I have no color preference
_____ I will accept ONLY the color(s) marked
3. Please rank your coat preference, if any.
_____ Stock Coat (most likely in any litter)
_____ Long Stock Coat (Rare in our program)
_____ I have no coat preference
_____ I will accept ONLY the coat type I have checked.
4. Under what circumstances can you envision needing to rehome or return a dog?
5. Annual care of an adult GSD can exceed, easily, \$2000 per year, more for seniors and puppies. How likely (from 1, meaning unlikely to 10 meaning highly likely) are you to spend your discretionary money on training classes, health care, dog food, dog toys, and other ongoing dog needs **AND** do you feel confident you can afford to care for a GSD?
6. Please tell us specifically where your puppy will be during: 1. The night time, 2. When no person is home, and 3. during times when people are home.
7. How do you feel about crate training and how do you plan to house train your puppy?
8. Please rate your interest in training your puppy/dog from 1 (I have zero time/ zero interest) to 10 (I am a professional or hobby trainer and plan to spend several hours per week working with and training my dog).

9. Have you taken any dogs through training classes? If so please tell us about your experiences (including the name of the company) and if your dog completed the class.
10. Do you plan on taking training classes with your dog? If No, how do you plan on teaching your puppy what it needs to learn? If Yes, please list the company you have chosen, if the class is in person, or online, what classes they offer that most interest you, and finally, what attracted you to this service provider?
11. Do you plan on pursuing any dog sports such as: Agility, Obedience, Treibball, Herding, Tracking, Rally Obedience, Schutzhund or Service Dog Task Training? If yes, please give us the name of coach or club you are planning on training with (this is **Required** for all bite sport and Service Dog prospects). How long have you been training with this club/coach?
12. If your dog was unable to meet your sport or training goals would you keep them?
13. Do you plan on maintaining health insurance on your dog? Yes _____ No _____ Undecided _____
14. Any breed of dog can require emergency or urgent medical care. German Shepherds are a high risk breed for Gastric Dilation Volvulus (Bloat) this is a life threatening emergency. Bloat may be prevented by a surgical procedure called a Gastropexy (securing the stomach to a rib) this may cost between \$300 and \$800 (depending on location and vet) how likely are you to discuss this condition with your vet and consider this preventive procedure if your veterinarian recommends it? _____ Very, _____ Somewhat, _____ Not at all. **Further!** Emergency Surgery is the only way to save a bloating dog, do you have access to an animal emergency center? _____ Yes, _____ No, if No, do you have access to any after hours Veterinary care? Yes _____ No _____.
15. Please tell us a little bit about how you enjoy relating to your dogs. For example, which best describes how you view your relationship to your dog. a. My dogs are like my friends, we enjoy doing things together. b. My dogs are my followers, they know I am in charge. c. My dogs are like my children.
16. Do you believe a dog needs to receive physical corrections or punishment in order to be a well trained companion or sport dog?
17. Do you plan on utilizing training tools such as a pinch/prong collar, choke/training collar, shock/e collar, penny cans, spray bottles, to train your dog?
18. Have you used such tools in the past to train or manage your dog? Have you received training in the proper use of these tools?
19. Please list books, blogs, podcasts, DVDs, articles and any other resources on training and behavior that you have read and enjoyed. How would you rate your interest in reading, listening, or viewing training and behavior type information? (Hint: if you don't have anything to list here, please consider the number you have chosen for number 8 above)
20. Under what circumstance can you envision using training tools such as pinch/prong collars, "choke chain" type collars, Electric or "shock" collars, stim or "stimulation" collars, bark collars, hidden fence systems, on your dog? Perhaps if the dog exhibited undesired behavior, or if your trainer recommended them and taught you how to use them?
21. What type of food are you planning to feed your dog? Kibble(dry food) _____ Canned _____ Raw _____ Fresh Cooked _____ Whatever my vet recommends _____ Whatever you recommend _____ Unsure _____

22. What activities are already part of your lifestyle that you plan to include your dog in? How do you envision your dog will behave during these activities?
23. Are you familiar with reality TV stars Cesar Milan (The Dog Whisperer) Matt Beisner (Dog Impossible), Jas Leverette (Canine Intervention) and if so do you plan on using their methods? Is there any particular trainer or method you favor?
24. Do you plan on using a particular method to train your dog? If so what do you like about it?
25. Do you believe that dogs will attempt to dominate people? If so how do you plan on preventing this?

Section 5

Logistics.

1. Does your home have a securely fenced yard? If so what type of fencing?
2. If your yard is not fenced do you plan on utilizing a tie out or Hidden Fence system?
3. Under what circumstances do you think you would need to rehome or return your dog?
4. Do you have any pet professionals (vet, trainer, boarding kennel) you plan on using?
6. Have you ever had to re-home (or get rid of) any pet? If so please explain the circumstances that lead to this decision.
7. Have you ever relinquished any pet to a rescue or animal shelter, if yes please explain the circumstances that led to this decision.
8. Have you ever euthanized (put to sleep) any dog for a non-medical reason? If yes, please explain.
9. Do you have any plans to breed the dog you wish to obtain from us and if not, are you willing to sign a sterilization or non-breeding contract if requested?
10. How do you plan to pick up your puppy (in Tulsa, Oklahoma)? In person pick up at breeder's home _____, Tulsa International Airport delivery for in cabin flight home _____ Flight Nanny _____ Ground Transport Company _____ Delivery By Breeder _____ Meet up with breeder (road or airport) somewhere along transport route (usually half way point) _____

Finally!!!! Is there anything else you would like us to know about your family?